

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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JAMES EDWARD SCOTT, III,

Plaintiff,

v.

MELISSA MICHELL, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 3:23-cv-00231-ART-CLB

ORDER

This action began with a pro se civil-rights complaint filed under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 by a state prisoner. (ECF No. 1-1). Plaintiff filed an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (“IFP”) for an inmate. (ECF No. 4). Based on the financial information provided, the Court finds that Plaintiff is unable to prepay the full filing fee in this action. In screening Plaintiff’s complaint, the Court deferred ruling on the IFP application. (ECF No. 5 at 9). The Court entered orders imposing a temporary stay and assigning the parties to global mediation by a court-appointed mediator. (ECF Nos. 5, 8). Settlement was not reached at the global mediation conference. (ECF Nos. 9, 10, 11).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Plaintiff’s application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 4) is **GRANTED**. Plaintiff will not be required to pay an initial installment of the filing fee. And Plaintiff is permitted to maintain this action to conclusion without the necessity of prepayment of any additional fees or costs or the giving of security. But even if this action is later dismissed, the full filing fee must still be paid under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(2).

2. To ensure that Plaintiff pays the filing fee, the Nevada Department of Corrections will forward payments from the account of **JAMES SCOTT, #1207166** to the Clerk of the United States District Court, District of Nevada, 20% of the preceding month’s deposits—in months that the account exceeds \$10—until the full \$350 statutory filing fee has been paid for this action. The Clerk of the Court will send a copy of this order to the

1 Finance Division of the Clerk's Office and the attention of **Chief of Inmate Services for**
2 **the Nevada Department of Corrections** at formapauperis@doc.nv.gov.

3 3. The Clerk of the Court will electronically **SERVE** a copy of this order and a
4 copy of Plaintiff's complaint (ECF No. 6) on the Office of the Attorney General of the State
5 of Nevada by adding the Attorney General of the State of Nevada to the docket sheet.
6 This does not indicate acceptance of service.

7 4. Service must be perfected within 90 days from the entry date of this order
8 consistent with Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(m).

9 5. Subject to the findings of the screening order (ECF No. 5), within 21 days
10 from the entry date of this order, the Attorney General's Office will file a notice advising
11 the Court and Plaintiff of: (a) the names of the defendants for whom it accepts service;
12 (b) the names of the defendants for whom it does not accept service, and (c) the names
13 of the defendants for whom it is filing the last-known-address information under seal. As
14 to any of the named defendants for whom the Attorney General's Office cannot accept
15 service, the Office will file, under seal, but will not serve the inmate Plaintiff the last known
16 address(es) of those defendant(s) for whom it has such information. If the last known
17 address of the defendant(s) is a post office box, the Attorney General's Office will attempt
18 to obtain and provide the last known physical address(es).

19 6. If service cannot be accepted for any of the named defendant(s), Plaintiff
20 will file a motion identifying the unserved defendant(s), requesting issuance of a
21 summons, and specifying a full name and address for the defendant(s). For the
22 defendant(s) as to which the Attorney General's Office has not provided last-known-
23 address information, Plaintiff will provide the full name and address for the defendant(s).

24 7. If the Attorney General accepts service of process for any named
25 defendant(s), such defendant(s) will file and serve an answer or other response to the
26 complaint (ECF No. 6) within 60 days from the entry date of this order.

8. Plaintiff will serve upon defendant(s) or, if an appearance has been entered by counsel, upon their attorney(s), a copy of every pleading, motion, or other document submitted for the Court's consideration. If Plaintiff electronically files a document with the Court's electronic-filing system, no certificate of service is required. Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(d)(1)(B); Nev. IC 4-1(b); Nev. LR 5-1. But if Plaintiff mails the document to the Court, Plaintiff will include with it a certificate stating the date that a true and correct copy of the document was mailed to the defendants or their counsel. If counsel has entered a notice of appearance, Plaintiff will direct service to the individual attorney named in the notice of appearance, at the physical or electronic address stated therein. The Court may disregard any document received by a district judge or magistrate judge that has not been filed with the Clerk, and any document received by a district judge, magistrate judge, or the Clerk that fails to include a certificate showing proper service when required.

Dated this 4th day of March 2024.